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SUBJECT: AFGHAN COUP: THE PAKISTANI PERSPECTIVE

1. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE GENERAL YAKUB EXPRESSED TO EMBOFF JULY 19 HIS PROFOUND CONCERN AT IMPLICATIONS OF AFGHAN COUP FOR FUTURE OF HIS COUNTRY. YAKUB SAID THAT COUP REPRESENTED YET ANOTHER DESTABILIZING FACTOR IN SOUTH ASIA, COUP WAS PART OF BROADER SOVIET EFFORT TO ENCIRCLE PAKISTAN AND IRAN AND PART OF CONSISTENT PATTERN OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO INCREASE INFLUENCE IN REGION OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. YAKUB CITED IN PARTICULAR EVOLUTION OF SOVIET RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, INDIA AND BANGLADESH. AT TIME WHEN PAKISTAN HAD BEGUN TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF TRIBAL AREA, AND ON EVE OF INDO-PAKISTAN MEETINGS ON PRISONERS, IT WAS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE THAT DAUD WITH KNOWN EXTREMIST VIEWS ON PUSHTUNISTAN AND CLOSE SOVIET TIES, SHOULD HAVE COME TO POWER ON PAKISTAN'S NORTHWESTERN DOORSTEP. ONLY HOPE WAS THAT DAUD HAD LEARNED SOMETHING IN TEN YEARS WHEN HE HAD BEEN OUT OF POWER.

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2. COMMENT: YAKUB'S VIEWS ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH PAST
PAKISTANI PREOCCUPATIONS ABOUT SOVIET THREAT IN SOUTH ASIA, AND
WE ANTICIPATE THAT PRESIDENT BHUTTO IN HIS VISIT TO PARIS NEXT WEEK
WILL TAKE POSITION WITH FRENCH VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF GENERAL
YAKUB.
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